

ST IGNATIUS & ST LUKE'S

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Late have I loved you,
O Beauty ever ancient,
ever new, late have I
loved you!

You were within me, but I
was outside, and it was there
that I searched for you. In
my unloveliness I plunged
into the lovely things which
you created. You were with
me, but I was not with you.
Created things kept me from
you; yet if they had not been
in you they would not have
been at all. You called, you
shouted, and you broke
through my deafness. You
flashed, you shone, and you
dispelled my blindness. You
breathed your fragrance on
me; I drew in breath and now
I pant for you. I have tasted
you, now I hunger and thirst
for more. You touched me,
and I burned for your peace.

Augustine, Confessions, Book X, Ch. XXVII



MONICA AND AUGUSTINE

Augustine of Hippo (Aurelius Augustinus Hipponensis; 13 November 354 – 28 August 430 AD) was a theologian, philosopher, and the bishop of Hippo Regius in Numidia, Roman North Africa. His writings influenced the development of Western philosophy and Western Christianity, and he is viewed as one of the most important Church Fathers of the Latin Church in the Patristic Period. His many important works include *The City of God*, *On Christian Doctrine*, and *Confessions*.

According to his contemporary, Jerome, Augustine “established anew the ancient Faith.” In his youth he was drawn to the major Persian religion, Manichaeism, and later to Neoplatonism. This, and Augustine's life of immorality, was a major source of grief to his devout mother **Monica** [or Monnica¹ (AD 322–387)], who for years prayed earnestly for his conversion.² When Augustine fled her interference to Rome, she pursued him there; when she arrived, he had already gone to Milan, but she followed him. Here she found St. Ambrose and through him she ultimately had the joy of seeing Augustine baptized with his son Adeodatus, on the Easter Vigil, 24–25 April 387. Mother and son then set out to return to Africa, stopping at Ostia, where Monica died. The finest pages of his *Confessions* were written as the result of Augustine's grief.

The cover image is a detail from the *Scenes from the Life of Saint Augustine of Hippo*, a triptych by the unnamed Master of Saint Augustine (Netherlandish, ca. 1490). It depicts Augustine as a priest preaching in front of his bishop in North Africa. Also listening is his mother Monica, anachronistically as his mother died before his ordination. She is shown in widow's weeds, and in another anachronism she is saying the rosary, a prayer regimen of the late Middle Ages.

After his conversion to Christianity, Augustine developed his own approach to philosophy and theology. Believing the grace of Christ was indispensable to human freedom, he helped formulate the doctrine of original sin and made seminal contributions to the development of just war theory. When the Western Roman Empire began to disintegrate, Augustine imagined the Church as a spiritual City of God, distinct from the material Earthly City. His thoughts profoundly influenced the medieval worldview. The segment of the Church that adhered to the concept of the Trinity as defined by the Council of Nicaea and the Council of Constantinople closely identified with Augustine's *On the Trinity*.

In 391 Augustine was ordained a priest in Hippo Regius in Algeria. He became a famous preacher (more than 350 preserved sermons are believed to be authentic), and was noted for combating the Manichaean religion, to which he had formerly adhered. In 395, he was made coadjutor Bishop of Hippo and became full Bishop shortly thereafter, and he gave his property to the church of Thagaste. He remained in that position until his death in 430. Augustine spent his final days in prayer and repentance, requesting the penitential Psalms of David be hung on his walls so he could read them. He died on 28 August 430.

Augustine was canonized by popular acclaim, and later recognized as a Doctor of the Church in 1298 by Pope Boniface VIII. His feast day is 28 August, the day on which he died [his mother Monica is memorialized on the Church calendar the day before]. He is considered the patron saint of brewers, printers, theologians, and a number of cities and dioceses. He is invoked against sore eyes.

¹The name Monica is from North Africa; indeed St. Monica is believed to have been a Berber because of this unique name, which may be Phoenician in origin.

²St. Monica is the model of persistent prayer for wayward children. As Augustine tells it in his *Confessions*: "When that woman had begged him [her bishop] to agree to have some discussion with me, to refute my errors, to help me to unlearn evil and to learn the good — for it was his habit to do this when he found people ready to receive it — he refused, very prudently, as I afterward realized. For he answered that I was still unteachable, being inflated with the novelty of that heresy, and that I had already perplexed divers inexperienced persons with vexatious questions, as she herself had told him. 'But let him alone for a time,' he said, 'only pray God for him. He will of his own accord, by reading, come to discover what an error it is and how great its impiety is.' [...] When he had said this she was not satisfied, but repeated more earnestly her entreaties, and shed copious tears, still beseeching him to see and talk with me. Finally the bishop, a little vexed at her importunity, exclaimed, 'Go your way; as you live, it cannot be that the son of these tears should perish.' As she often told me afterward, she accepted this answer as though it were a voice from heaven."

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All who are suffering or sick and all caregivers who minister to the sick: Joe Coleman, John Hogan, Deirdre McQuade, Danny Hart, Amy Howard, Mary Morehead and family, Curtis Bailey, Leondre Massey, Sister Constance Ward, George Cochran, Mark Anthony Turner, Rachel Fisher, Patricia Ransom, Jacqueline Chancio, Beverly A. Woods, Kerianna Prather, Victoria P.; M.M., R.M., K.M., C.M., C.A., E.D., E.G., W.B., J.M., H.G., and J.G.

Please call or email the office to add a name to the prayer list.

Before calling, please be sure you have spoken to the person [or a member of his family] about adding the name—we do not want to inadvertently disregard someone's desire for privacy.

Names of those who are sick or suffering will be kept on the list for one month; to keep a name on the list for longer, you must email the parish office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEW PROJECT

The refinished sample pew is now back in place. And we are starting to take pledges and contributions for the refinishing of all the pews. Donation forms are available in the back of the church and in the auditorium entrance.

We have finished stripping the beadboard in the east wall of the church, and are now working our way up the west wall. If you are interested in assisting in this work, usually on Monday each week, send an email to the office, and we will let you know when our workdays are scheduled.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

Though it was delayed due to the quarantine restrictions, the photo directory is still in the works. We have rescheduled the photo sessions for October 1-3 in the parish house.

To sign up for your photo session online, visit the LifeTouch appointment calendar at <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/b790k2tg/> and follow the instructions.

Having trouble? We will have someone to assist you in signing up between Sunday Masses over the next few weeks.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 22 August

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

4:30 pm Bill and Norma Hayes +

Sunday, 23 August

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

8 am Pro populo

9:30 am Jeremiah Donovan [Jane Slattery]

11 am special intention [S. White]

Monday, 24 August

Bartholomew, Apostle

9 am no public mass

Tuesday, 25 August

Louis

Joseph Calasanz, Priest

9 am Walter Joe Coleman + [Mark Arbeen]

Wednesday, 26 August

Feria

9 am Ernest LaValley + [Lorraine LaValley]

Thursday, 27 August

Monica

9 am Monica Hayes +

Friday, 28 August

Augustine of Hippo, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9 am Leslie Lee + [Lester Lee]

Saturday, 29 August

The Passion of John the Baptist

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

4:30 pm Lorraine LaValley + [Rose Marie Malatesta,

Matthew Malatesta, and Lori Woelfel]

Sunday, 30 August

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

8 am Patricia Hickey Anderson + [George F. Hickey, Jr.]

9:30 am Pro populo

11 am Emily Roszak + [St. Ignatius Ladies of Charity]

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